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Caltrans Accelerates Repairs on State Route 41 in San Luis Obispo County Due to SB 1 Funds

Pavement Project Will Improve More Than Nine Lane Miles, Providing a Safer and Smoother Commute for Motorists

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Caltrans continues work to repair more than nine lane miles of State Route 41 in the city of Atascadero, due to the funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

"Highway 41 is a major route for commuters and tourists in the northern part of the county who travel extensively to area beaches, campgrounds and tourist attractions along the Central Coast," said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. "This project will turn cracked and crumbling roads into a smoother ride and safer commute for everyone."

An average of 11,000 vehicles per day use this section of highway to reach their destination. Approximately 1,600 freight trucks are among those vehicles, and 15 percent of them have 5 or more axles that contribute to roadway wear and tear.

"Highway 41 in San Luis Obispo County is a major east west artery for many people who travel on the Central Coast," said Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins. "It is very important that we continue to reinforce and maintain our infrastructure to prevent more costly maintenance repairs in the future."

The nearly \$4.8 million project was awarded to CalPortland Construction and work to fill potholes and repave cracks began August 13. Motorists will encounter one-way reversing traffic control between Los Altos Hills Road and the interchange with U.S. Highway 101. Daytime work is taking place Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.









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and Friday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Overnight work is taking place Sunday night through Friday morning from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Detour signs and electronic message boards will be posted to assist motorists, who may encounter 10 to 15-minute delays. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and Be Work Zone Alert.

Work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and other construction-related issues. More information and updates on projects can be found at: http://dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm or on Twitter via @CaltransD5

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately \$1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/.

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